

Lincoln School, Meridian, Miss.

Mrs. Harriet I. Miller, Principal

FOUNDED in 1888 by the American Missionary Association, in the heart of Mississippi's Black Belt. Mrs. Harriet I. Miller, the first and only principal, was principal of Storrs School, Atlanta, Ga., from 1885 until she went to Meridian in 1888. The first years at Meridian were years of distrust and discouragement. "The infant was so small, it was not considered worthy of a name." After the name "Lincoln" was chosen, the school began to grow. The property, including three buildings, is valued at \$7,000. The annual expenses are \$4,100, secured from the American Missionary Association and the Daniel Hand Fund. In addition to the literary work, the school has an industrial department, sewing and cooking, vocal and instrumental music, and Bible study.

One third of the students come from adjoining counties. The others represent every county in eastern Mississippi. Some walk four or five miles and are at the schoolhouse early in the morning, that they may have the advantage of the study period before the school opens.

A limited number of the students receive aid by doing all the work around the school and home. "I am glad I live now," said one boy, "because there is so much to do, and I want to help do it for my race." This young man refused a position where he could have earned good wages and took another for less, where there was some opportunity for study, and where he "would meet a better educated set of people." "I need to learn by ear," he said, "for I find myself using the same language and words as those with whom I talk."



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